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Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An image processing method of making a composite image by pasting an from a first photographic image including comprising a marked photographic object and a first background into another and a second photographic image comprising a second photographic object and a second background, wherein the first background and the second background include a common third object, said image processing method comprising the steps of:

calculating obtaining a degree of agreement between image data corresponding to a the first background image of the marked photographic object and image data corresponding to a the second background image of the other image; and

pasting an image of the marked photographic object into the second photographic other image in a state that at a position at which the degree of agreement is highest.

2. (Currently Amended) The image processing method of claim 1, further comprising a step of designating a domain of an in the first photographic image, wherein the domain includes the marked photographic object to be pasted.

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3. (Currently Amended) The image processing method of claim 1, further comprising a step of displaying the composite a composed image, which has been composed with the image processing method.

4. (Currently Amended) The image processing method of claim 1, further comprising at least one of the steps of:

moving a pasting position for of the image of the marked photographic object into in the other second photographic image; and

5 and

enlarging/reducing the a domain in the first photographic image, the domain including the marked photographic object to be pasted.

5. (Currently Amended) The image processing method of claim 1, further comprising a step of processing in such a manner that at least one of image data of the first photographic image and image data of the second photographic image to make an average brightness and color balance of the first photographic image to agree with an average brightness and color balance of the second photographic image, be pasted and of the other image in which the image is to be pasted are made to agree with each other.

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6. (Currently Amended) The image processing method of claim 1, further comprising a step of correcting distortion caused by a photographic optical system.

7. (Currently Amended) An electronic camera, comprising:  
5 a photographing section to photograph a first photographic image comprising a first object and a first background and a second photographic image comprising a second object and a second background, wherein the first background and the second background include a common third object; and  
a display section to display semi-transparently a photographed image of the first photographic image object and to further display semi-transparently a photographed image of the 10 second object in photographic image such a way that the displayed photographed image of the second photographic image is superposed on the displayed photographed first photographic image of the first object.

8. (Currently Amended) The electronic camera of claim 7, further comprising:

15 a an obtaining section to obtain a composite position of the first photographic image photographed image of the first object

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5 and the photographed image of the second object, second photographic image at which the first background and the second background agree with each other;

wherein the display section superposes the photographed second photographic image of on the first object and the 10 photographed photographic image of the second object based on the basis of the composite position and displays semi-transparently the photographed image of the first object and the photographed image of the second object.

9. (Currently Amended) The electronic camera of claim 7, further comprising:

a section to obtain a degree of agreement of the two photographed images first background and the second background; 5 and

a notifying section to notify that when the degree of agreement of the first background and the second background two photographed images is higher than a specified value.

10. (Currently Amended) The electronic camera of claim 9, wherein the notifying section emits a sound when the degree of

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agreement of the two photographed images first background and the second background is higher than the specified value.

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~electric~~ electronic camera of claim 7, wherein in a case where when a plurality of images are photographed ~~on the premise of~~ for pasting, ~~in a header of at least one of~~ the plurality of images, there is recorded information that is recorded in a header of at least one of the photographic images to identify the image corresponding to the header is to become the object of pasting, and information of and another image which is also to become the object as objects of pasting.